

**CITY OF MILPITAS
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Approved Minutes: Senior Advisory Commission
Date of Meeting: August 24, 2004
Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall, Committee Meeting Room

A. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE

Chairperson Weisgerber called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Denny Weisgerber, Mary Banick, Ed Conner, Milo Larsen, Amanda Santos and Joanne Wood

Commissioners Absent: Bal Daquigan, Albert Wang

Alternates Present: Joyce Dovlet and Barbara Ebright

Council Liaison: Absent

Staff Present: Lynette Wilson, Recreation Program Coordinator
Tesa Laird, Public Services Assistant

C. SEATING OF ALTERNATES:

Joyce Dovlet was seated for Bal Daquigan and Barbara Ebright was seated for Albert Wang

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: To adopt the Agenda.
M/S: Banick/Wood. Ayes: Unanimous.

E. MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the June 22, 2004, Senior Advisory Commission meeting.
M/S: Banick/Dovlet. Ayes: Unanimous.

F. FINANCIAL REPORT

Recreation Program Coordinator Wilson explained that there had been no account activity.

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MOTION: Note receipt and file.
M/S: Banick/Ebright. Ayes: Unanimous.

G. CITIZEN FORUM

None.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ CORRESPONDENCE

Recreation Program Coordinator Wilson reviewed the items listed in the agenda highlighting the Harvest Festival on October 16, 2004, at Cardoza Park. This is a new festival in conjunction with the California Arts Day and the cities 50th anniversary. Chis Schaller from the Neighborhood Beautification Services Division gave an update on the graffiti removal around the city and asked that the Senior Advisory Commission help in putting together a subcommittee. Item will be agendized to the meeting of October 26, 2004.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Senior Center Projects

Recreation Program Coordinator Wilson gave an update on the progress of the renovation. Mark Rogge, Principal Engineer, also gave an overview of the project highlighting the kitchen area and the progress being made. He indicated that upon completion, the facility would be a nice multipurpose building for both the seniors and weekend rentals.

2. TRIP Program use by Commissioners

Recreation Program Coordinator Wilson gave an update from the Transportation Subcommittee on the TRIP Program issue discussed at the previous meeting. The Subcommittee suggested Senior Advisory Commissioners continue to fill-out monthly calendar logs to receive the VTA voucher. The Subcommittee also suggested that the TRIP Coordinator could pre fill-out the calendar, so Commissioners only need to sign them.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review of the Preliminary Concept Plan for the Affordable Housing Project

Blair King, Assistant City Manager, introduced Mara Blitzler from Mid-Peninsula Housing Coalition. She gave an overview of the development of a new affordable housing project the City has been working on. The development's location is where the current Smith-DeVries property (on Main Street, across from the old grammar school) is located. The proposed project would include 104 units with full kitchens in all units and 70 parking spaces on site. The original house will be preserved and relocated on the property. Part of the presentation was a review of two options for the relocation of the Smith-DeVries house currently on the property (Option A facing Weller Lane and Option B facing Main Street).

Mr. King asked for an endorsement of the building orientation and the number of living units in the project. Chairperson Weisgerber called for endorsement of the project but received no response.

2. Senior Corp

Commissioner Larsen presented information on the Senior Corp, a volunteer program that taps into the experience, skills and talents of senior citizens. He stated that the City of San Jose has a Senior Corps office and he would like to see one in Milpitas. Chairperson Weisgerber questioned who would fund this program and how the City would get volunteers to manage an office. Chairperson Weisgerber asked that Commissioner Larsen come back to the Commission with more information on the program.

3. Alternative Transportation (Smart Growth)

Commissioner Connor presented information on Levix, an alternative transportation system. Levix uses magnetic fields to levitate and move transportation units around, consuming no energy. Commissioner Connor stated that he would like to come back with more information and a video at a future meeting.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

1. STAFF REPORTS

1.1 Recreation Services

Program Coordinator Wilson read the report as noted on page 2 of the agenda.

1.2 Senior Center Nutrition

Roseann Costabile, Nutrition Site Manager, read the report as noted on page 3 of the agenda. Roseann informed the Commission that the Nutrition Site Council was discontinued due to low attendance and lack of interest from other Senior Center participants. She also indicated that staff has taken over the responsibilities. All money remaining in the Nutrition Site Council account will be used for future senior celebrations, such as senior holiday parties and monthly birthday cakes.

2. LIAISON REPORTS

2.1 City Council

No report

2.2 Council on Aging Advisory Commission

No report

2.3 AARP

Commissioner Banick reminded everyone of the Sock Hop on September 10, 2004.

2.4 Nutrition Site Council

Discontinued

2.5 Arts Commission

No report

2.6 Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission

No report

2.7 50th Anniversary Update

No report

L. Future Agenda Items

Chairperson Weisgerber asked that the Smart Growth item be agendaized for a future meeting and that the Graffiti Abatement item be agendaized for the next meeting.

M. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2004, at 1:30 pm, in the City Hall Committee Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Tesa Laird, Commission Secretary